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In re original application of:

Applicant : Kenneth C. Hart
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Filed : August 1, 2001
Title of Invention : AIR-INFLATABLE INSULATED COOLER WITH AT LEAST ONE REMOVABLE PRINTABLE EXTERIOR SURFACE
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 24, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced Application on July 24, 2002, Applicant submits herewith the following Amendments for filing in the same:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS TO INVENTION:

Please cancel Claims 1-36 without prejudice or disclaimer and add rewritten claims 37-69 as follows:

--37. An inflatable cooler comprising:

at least one sidewall formed from a flexible plastic membrane having inflatable air chambers therein, said sidewall having an exterior surface, wherein the air chambers of the at least one sidewall act as a thermal insulating barrier for contents of the inflatable cooler;

a flexible plastic membrane that, when removably disposed onto the exterior surface of the at least one sidewall, forms an exterior surface of the cooler suitable for printing information thereon;

wherein said flexible plastic membrane is shaped such that it surrounds the at least one sidewall and provides support for stress normal to the sidewall; and

an inflatable lid formed from a flexible plastic membrane having at least one inflatable air chamber therein, wherein the at least one air chamber of the lid act as a thermal insulating barrier for contents of the inflatable cooler.--

--38. The inflatable cooler of claim 37, wherein said information comprises one of text, graphics, and logos.--